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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2694

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SUBJECT: REPORTED SOVIET-KUWAIT ARMS TALKS IN MOSCOW: RUSSIAN
TECHNICIANS TO KUWAIT?

REF: KUWAIT 1826 (NOTAL)

1. KUWAITI DEFMIN REPORTEDLY HAS CONFIRMED PRESS REPORT
OF MAY 16 TO EFFECT THAT A "KUWAITI MILITARY DELEGATION OF 15
PERSONS" IS IN MOSCOW DISCUSSING PURCHASE OF SOVIET ARMS,
IN AN EXTENSION OF SOVIET-KUWAITI TALKS HELD IN KUWAIT
RECENTLY. DEFMIN'S CONFIRMATION CARRIED IN MAY 17 EDITION
OF AL RAI AL AM. PRESS HAD ALSO REPORTED (AL ANBA, MAY 16)
THAT THE KUWAITI AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH
EGYPTIAN DEPRIMIN JAMASI MILITARY TRAINING OF KUWAITIS IN
EGYPT. THIS REPORT NOTED THAT "KUWAIT HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT"
SOVIET TRAINING PERSONNEL AND IS, THUS, "THE FIRST COUNTRY
TO USE SOVIET ARMS WITHOUT SOVIET EXPERTS."

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2. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THAT THE MOSCOW MEETING IS THE
ONE PREDICTED BY REPORT NOTED REFTEL, DESIGNED TO "PUT FINAL
TOUCHES" ON SOVIET-KUWAIT DEAL FOR SOVIET MISSILES. WE
BELIEVE THAT THE KUWAITI DELEGATION IS BEING LED BY LTC
ABBAS ABDULLAH HUSSEIN OF THE ARMED FORCES HQ (OPERATIONS).
ON THE QUESTION OF SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL IN KUWAIT, THE

LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE IS SECOND HAND. MEMBER OF GROUP OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, RECENTLY IN KUWAIT, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT THEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY DEPPRIMIN JABER AL-ALI THAT THERE WOULD BE "NO ADVISORS AND NO TECHNICIANS" FROM USSR COMING TO KUWAIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF SOVIET MATERIEL. THE PREPONDERANCE OF REPORTS WE HAVE OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, HOWEVER, IS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE KUWAITIS MAY HAVE ACQUIESCED IN RECEIVING SOME SOVIET TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE DELIVERY AND ASSEMBLY OF THE LUNA WEAPONS SYSTEM.
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